GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RELIEF TO DISABLED DURING NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no such scheme for providing relief to disabled, orphaned children and old aged persons affected by natural calamities, such as floods, earthquake and cyclone etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons for discriminatory scheme;

(c) whether the Parliamentary Committee recommended for the establishment of a Common corpus Fund to meet thecontingency of relief work to the disabled, orphaned children and aged persons affected by natural calamities; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) In the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment there is no specific scheme for providingrelief to the victims of natural calamities. However, this Ministry has been providing such relief to victims of cyclone in Orissa and earthquake in Gujarat under its scheme General Grant in aid programme of assistance in the field of social defence.

(c) & (d) The Standing Committee on Labour & Welfare, while clearing the Demands for Grant of this Ministry for 2001-02, recommended that this Ministry should establish a common corpus fund to meet the contingency of the relief work to the disabled, orphan children & aged persons affected by natural calamities.

The matter is under consideration of the Ministry in consultation with other concerned ministries.